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Sir:

In accordance with Rule 115 of the Rules of Practice, please enter the following amendment prior to examination of the above-captioned application.

AMENDMENT

IN THE SPECIFICATION

At page 1, line 6, after the reference to the prior application and before the Background Of The Invention, please insert the following paragraph:

This invention was made with Government support under F33615-00-C-5209 awarded by the United States Air Force. The Government has certain rights in this invention.

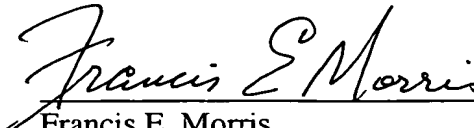
CONCLUSION

Applicant estimates that no fee is due in connection with this Preliminary Amendment. Should the Patent Office determine otherwise, The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with filing this Preliminary Amendment to

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Respectfully submitted,

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